THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Certain allegations regarding corruption, administrative and financial impropriety against the previous Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director and other senior officers were brought to the notice of Government CBI is conducting inquiries.

(c) On the basis of a preliminary enquiry conducted in the Department of Civil Supplies, the CBI was asked of 30-4-85 to conduct a detailed enquiry into these allegations. No interim report from CBI has been received so far.

(d) No time limit has been fixed in this regard. However, CBI has informed that the case is at its final stage of investigation.

Implementation of the recommendations of the high level committee to review rural schemes

*209. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1985 and state:

(a) what are the details of the recommendations of the high level committee set up by the Planning Commission to review the administrative arrangements for rural development and poverty alleviation programmes; and

(b) by when and in what manner these recommendations are likely to be implementated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A Statement containing the Summary of the recommendations of the Committee to review the existing administrative arrangements for rural development and poverty alleviation programmes (CAARD) is placed on the Table of the House. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX, *Annexure No.* 52). Copies of the Report are available in the Parliament Library. (Indexed at 309,24 RMS).

(b) The Report has been circulated for ascertaining the views of the State Governments and Union Territories. On the views of the States Governments and Union Territories. On the receipt of their comments, the matter shall be placed before the National Development Council, for further consideration.

Barbed-wire fence along the Assam-Bangladesh border

*210. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethaer it is a fact that Government have decided to go ahead with the erection of barbed wire fence along the Assam-Bangladesh border to prevent infiltration from across the border;

(b) whether the orders for resumption of survey work in this connection have since been issued; and

(c) if not, by when such orders are likely to be issued and when the work of erecting barbed-wire fence is to be resumed;

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) It has been decided to take up the construction of border road etc. all along the Indo-Bangladesh border. Instructions have been issued for taking up the survey work for border road on Assam Bangladesh border on priority basis. Other measures to augment vigilance on the border are also being taken. The question of border fence will be taken up after construction of roads.

Medical check-up for convicts

*211. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of medical check up for convicts has been introduced in the Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a similar scheme in jails in other States; and

(d) what is the proposed expenditure on this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Medical check-ups including Chest X-ray' blood and urine tests apart from general medical examination, have been introduced recently in Tihar Jail by Delhi Administration.

(c) and (d) 'Jail' is a State subject. No instructions have been issued to the State Government in this regard.

Delay in implementation of Central projects in Bihar

*212. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that implementation of all the 25 Central projects in Bihar has been delayed by one to five years due to the non-supply of information by the Government of that State;

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects including escalation cost in each case;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in implementation of those projects;

(d) what is the present state of these projects; and

(e) what are the details of Government's plans to complete these projects?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The reasons for delay of the projects include the problems concerning acquisition of land, critical equipment and material supplied by the suppliers (imported as well as indigenous), finalisation of detailed engineering drawings, lack of infrastructural facilities and services, law and order disturbances, mis-matching progress of vendors, suppliers, change in scope inadequate allocation of funds inefficient working of contractors, labour problems, etc.

(d) Details are given in the statement attached. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 53).

(e) The following steps are being taken to expedite the implementation of these projects:

(i) Preparation of realistic project implementation plans.

(ii) Effective monitoring through Monthly Flash Report and Quarterly Status Report Monitoring System.

(iii) Constant pressure on project authorities for expeditious completion.

(iv) Inter-Ministerial coordination and inter-action.

(v) Close follow-up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Governments, equipment suppliers, Consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

Rate of issue of wheat to flour mills

213. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the procurement rate of wheat and the issue rate of wheat to flour mills by the Food Corporation of India in December, 1985; and

(b) the procurement rate of wheat and the issue rate of wheat to flour mills by the Food Corporation of India as on 1st February and 1st April, 1986?